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CUSTODIANS IN CUSTODY

or

Six Men, One Woman and a Banana

by Kathleen Sullivan, TA74

It's a good thing we make an honest living gambling in the securities markets, because burglars we'll never be. Armed with our shoes, a cigarette lighter, seven sets of now-mangled keys, a banana and dental floss, we made sorry headway against the vault we'd made for ourselves on the 39th floor of the Rockefeller Plaza tower. The indestructible entrance door to *Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Irvine* having locked fast behind us, we discovered that no amount of pressing the call button was going to bring an elevator up the weekday shaft on a Saturday night. Not that the accommodations weren't nice for a two-night stay; a plush carpet, one stand-up ashtray and eight immobile elevator doors, one for each of us to bang his head against.

A Cornell professor once accused Telluride of being "the most verbal community in the world," but all the Stentorian lung power of Johnston, Isenstadt, Epstein, Dolliver, Fukuyama, Schwartz, Jr. and Sullivan in collective "HELP" cheers failed to bring the outside world to us.

Three and one half hours later, we had read the New York Times cover to cover and rejected a proposal to hold the summer Custodians meeting then and there, as long as we were together with a little time on our hands. One more effort, including "HELP, THIRTY-NINE" shouts with pathos in them and a fully orchestrated S O S banged out on the elevator doors, still failed to bring Alan Funt and his camera out from their hiding place; and we settled down for a long haul.

Since we had stopped to listen to the silence a dozen times to no avail, it took a moment to register when robust shouts came up the elevator shaft: "We're coming up . . ." We had been heard by someone working on the thirty-fourth floor, who had reported us to bemused guards.

Jim Withrow is an extraordinarily generous man, but this time we couldn't help but feel we had overstayed our welcome.

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Jill Campbell, Northridge, CA
Steven Cohen, Brooklyn, NY
Mark Cohen, Cherry Hill, NJ
Maureen Graves, Duncan, Oklahoma
Ross Haarstad, Fargo, ND
Javier Lopez, Puerto Rico
Jay Mann, Houston, TX
Henry Muller, Schenectady, NY
David McQuaid, Coral Gables, FL
Thomas Smith, Boise, ID
Harry Stahl, Boulder, CO
Eric Wefald, Gaithersburg, MD
Elizabeth Wood, Los Alamos, NM

CUSTODIANS IN CONFERENCE

by Joseph Schwartz, TA72

The Board of Custodians met April 25 and 26 in New York for its spring quarterly meeting. The Dow stood at 810, up 100 points since the Custodians last met in February. Though hopefully not a comment on the Board's wisdom, the value of the Telluride portfolio rose only, between February and late April, from 3.1 to 3.3 million dollars, a six percent rise as compared to the market's fifteen percent gain.

The spring meeting, held at ex-Treasurer James Withrow's midtown Manhattan residence on Friday night and in his law office Saturday, lacked the verbal combat between bulls and bears that marked the winter meeting. Most Custodians agreed that while recovery might begin soon, it could prove to be either tortuously slow or so over-heated that massive inflation would result. Mr. Withrow and others continued to express considerable apprehension that the government's financing of the deficit would force up interest rates, thereby hindering recovery. Given the recent run-up in the market and the pervading uncertainty about the road economic recovery will take, a consensus of the Board developed to hold 15 percent of our stock portfolio in cash (three blocks, the maximum allowed by the timing plan), in addition to the twenty-five percent exposure in the bond market.

The Board made relatively few major transaction decisions at the meeting, perhaps because of the unattractiveness of many of the buy candidates. Some members of the Board expressed the belief that our portfolio had underperformed the market in the last rally because we held too few growth-oriented issues and too many solid, but second-tier issues. Buy assignments for the next meeting will probably reflect this opinion. At the urging of Jim Johnston, the Board used the proceeds generated by the between-meeting calling of our optioned General Motors block to purchase a block of Republic Steel, the nation's fourth largest steel producer. (Block size is currently 116,000 dollars.) Republic is currently selling at a depressed price/earnings ratio of three and has a hefty yield of nearly eight percent. The Board also voted to sell its half-block of Crum and Forster, a property-casualty insurer, and increase its half-block holding of Aetna Life to a full block under the assumption that life insurance will outperform property-casualty in the near future.

The Board continued its policy of selling options on stocks that they would be willing to be rid of at a price. The Board garnered \$1.25 per share for the right to buy its block of Pennzoil at the price of 20 before July 1. Perhaps providing evidence for the contention of certain Board members that the options game only served to waste valuable custodial time and increase the Board's tendency towards indecision, the Board voted to attempt to buy back the May 1, 80 dollar per share options it had sold on its two block of Exxon at the winter meeting. The Board now feels that Exxon will appreciate to a level considerably above 80 dollars per share.

Other Board transactions consisted of rounding down, or up to average block size, issues already held in the portfolio. The Board sold off some of its Amsted and Alcan, two stocks which had appreciated considerably since their purchase in February. Believing that our railroad holdings might be more advantage-

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Piano Recital, Sapsucker Woods, Seminar

It started Friday evening when Martin Goldray gave a splendid piano recital for Alumni Housemembers and guest who had begun to assemble for the festivities of Alumni Weekend.

Enjoying Housemember Goldray's concert were: Yardena Mansoor, CB70, on her way back from Madison to New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Grant and Bruce Netschert from the Washington area; Sir Keith Falkner, a former member of the Cornell Music Faculty, who had returned from England to take part in Cornell's Spring Concert and relive his experience as a previous Telluride Faculty Guest; Paul Szasz from New York and Mr. and Mrs. "Mike" Yarrow, representing the Philadelphia arm of Telluride. With the Yarrows were their Ithaca Hosts, the Rev. Lee and Mrs. Klaer. After the concert, people repaired to the lounge for a night cap and conversation, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cornelison of Ohio and Ms. Carol Skinner.

Surprisingly Saturday morning did not dawn bright and sunny, but in keeping with Ithaca weather, was cloudy and cool. This did not prevent a number of stalwarts from journeying to the Cornell Ornithology Laboratory, where Dr. Sam Weeks, Assistant Director of the Lab, delighted the group with an historical account and anecdotes of the Laboratory. After Dr. Weeks' talk, TA Housemember and Ornithology major Pepper Trail with his colleague Deborah Smith, led the party, armed with binoculars, along paths through the Sapsucker Woods, identifying feathered species and answering all questions.

Meanwhile back at Telluride House other dignitaries had arrived for buffet lunch. ADSTA President and Mrs. Pell, David Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Galson, Richard Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Duyne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ennis, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, Carl Ashley and his daughter, Joanne. Of course Bea MacLeod was on hand to greet her alumni friends, as was former Alumni Secretary LeGrace Benson. Before the crowd progressed over the handsome, new Dutch floor to the buffet tables, the gathering was graced by the arrival of TA President Barry Weller. A delightful surprise was the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace of Manchester University. Wallace is a former Telluride International Scholar, who was in this country briefly, pursuing his field of research. Orville Sweeting journeyed to Ithaca from New Haven while Mrs. Warren Seulowitz and her two children were here from Scarsdale.

After enjoying the delicious buffet luncheon, people moved upstairs for the panel discussion. Unfortunately, John Mellor was not able to participate, being detained in Washington where he was testifying before a Congressional Committee. He

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had, however, sent a copy of his talk which Bruce Netschert read in Mellor's absence. A lengthy question period followed the addresses. There was a break for coffee after which the panel reconvened for further discussion, barely adjourning in time to allow everyone to change for sherry and the Reunion Banquet.

Cooks Jean and Bob Renzetti outdid themselves in creating a culinary feast. While consuming this sumptuous fare, conversation flowed, toasts were proposed, common interests discovered and old friendships renewed. At the conclusion of the banquet, Alumni, Housemembers and guests returned to the lounge to talk and serve themselves at the bar which was set up later in the evening. Throughout the weekend, Alumni Secretary Elizabeth Bolgiano, hovered in the background like the Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe.

Success of the weekend was due, in large measure to the unstinted cooperation of the entire House. Special mention should be made in appreciation of the efforts of Alumni Relations chairman Marilyn Migiel, Beveragewriter Stephen Fix, Housemember Diane Carter and Kuchenmeister Tom Windmuller. Furthermore, without the practical knowledge, loyalty and hard work of Houseman George Krebs, Telluride House would not be able to function as smoothly nor be able to offer the pleasure of special events such as Alumni Weekend.



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ously divided, the Board rounded down its holding of one of its best performers, Southern Railway, to a block and a half while increasing its holding of Norfolk and Western Railway to that level. After the usual plethora of resolutions setting tentative buy and sell prices on every stock under the sun, the Board adjourned at the record time of 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening. The newchairman of the Board, Frank Fukuyama, succeeded in running an extremely efficient meeting. Dinner was delayed for the majority of the Board, however, as they found it easier to solve Telluride's financial problem than to get out of a Manhattan office building. (see page 1).

In attendance beside those already mentioned were Treasurer Charles Christenson, Custodians David Epstein, Tim Greening, Ernie Isenstadt, Joseph Schwartz, Kathy Sullivan and Nathan Tarcov. Association member Mark Dolliver sat in briefly and kept Board members company as they waited for the elevator.

and Banquet Highlight Alumni Weekend



Panelists, l. to r., Cole, Szasz, Grant, Netschert, and ADSTA President Pell.

Seminar Examines Problems of Environmental Preservation

by Katharine Eisaman, CB73

"World Resources, Growth and Environmental Preservation" was the title of the seminar held during Alumni Weekend, April 18-20, at Ithaca. The panel was organized by Bruce C. Netschert, Director of the Washington office and Vice President of National Economic Research Associates, Inc. Other panelists were: Lindsey Grant, Director, Office of Environmental Affairs, Department of State; Paul Szasz, Senior Legal Officer of the General Legal Division of the United Nations; David C. Cole, Research Associate, Harvard Institute for International Development and John W. Mellor, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Economics and Asian Studies at Cornell.

Bruce Netschert's opening presentation dealt with the problem of resource distribution. He claimed that the world has plenty of energy and mineral resources, but that the progressive exhaustion of easily obtainable resources raises ethical and technological problems for continued growth. The problem in the poorest third world countries is not one of insufficient resources, but of societal barriers to the achievement of an American standard of living. Nevertheless, untrammeled growth is dangerous; the most obvious way to limit it is through population control. Aside from this, resources consumption can be curtailed by cutting down on waste, something which will happen eventually as energy becomes more expensive. There are still no guarantees that absolutely nothing catastrophic will happen to the environment, although we can do our best to minimize the hazards of our developing technologies.

Food Aid and Agricultural Development

Mr. Netschert then read a paper on food aid and agricultural development submitted by John Mellor, who at the last minute, was unable to be present. Food aid to low-income countries, he said, could play a complementary and catalytic role in an employment-oriented strategy of growth, since when incomes of the poor are increased, there is a rise in demand for food which must be met in order to avoid inflation. Agricultural development is a slow process and agricultural production tends to be unstable, which make rural development programs hard to institute. Continued food shortages, rather than eliminating the poor through starvation, will only ensure that governments of poor countries will narrow their political base to comparatively small groups which they can supply with food. This in turn will reduce pressure on these governments

to increase agricultural production and the situation will worsen. Food aid can help prevent this. Since each particular situation is unique and complex, it is difficult to formulate criteria for this sort of assistance. In general, though, food aid should be oriented toward countries effecting broad participation in growth; it should be long term in nature, associated with technical and capital assistance and with international food policies.

Dangers of Byproducts

Lindsey Grant spoke of the dangers of byproducts, suggesting that since the full effects of our energy production methods are unknown, we may be headed for disaster without knowing it. As an example he cited the ambiguous studies on the environmental consequences of the burning of fossil fuels, which releases considerable amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. He disagreed with Mr. Netschert, claiming that the economic solution to shortages is not necessarily automatic. The lag between the development of new technological approaches and ways in which to cope with the side effects of the new activities is potentially very dangerous. Mr. Grant thought that the food supply would be an important short-term problem and spoke of the importance of curtailing population.

Maritime Negotiations

Paul Szasz considered the legal issues involved in maritime negotiations. After supplying some background material on the historical development of maritime limits policies, he spoke on the present maritime conferences, which he thinks are useful in establishing dialogue between the industrialized countries and the third world, and in making demands more concrete and rational than they would be if the issue was settled through confrontation. Present maritime negotiations seem to be moving towards the development of 12-mile territorial limits and 200-mile resources limits. Mr. Szasz also favors international conferences, since they sensitize the third world countries by the environmental problems of industrialization of which they would otherwise be unaware.

Finances and Oil Supplies

David Cole spoke on the financial situation created by a dependence upon Middle Eastern oil supplies. He does not think the problem will be severe, since the petrodollars will be reinvested in the oil-consuming countries and cause no capital shortage. International lending agencies can handle the financial consequences of the fuel situation. However, he did fear that not enough capital would flow to the poorer countries of the third world. Mr. Cole also stressed the importance of improved medical care and rural development programs in controlling the population problem.

The presentations were followed by questions from the floor. Discussion became animated as various points were voiced and comments refuted. A vocal afternoon was brought to a quick conclusion when it was recognized that there was little time remaining before gathering for sherry and Reunion Banquet.

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At Deep Springs Rock and No Water and the Sandy Road

by Hal Gladfelder, DS72

In the wake of conflagration, we have passed through a season of some rain and much cold and now are almost in no season, or all seasons interchangeably. The black mood that prevailed at Deep Springs after the garage fire of January 2 was not long after transfigured into a renewed sense of communal necessity and interdependence, due in large part to the immediate response of alumni and friends of the College, and to the preseverance evinced by the staff and administration. The students who returned shortly after the fire were met not only by the bare ruined choirs of the shop, but also by the frozen air of the rooms in the dormitory, which they breathed with bleak and stoic grandeur. It is still, as of mid-April, fairly cold at Deep Springs, but on good afternoons with a mild wind, it feels very close to spring. In March and early April we had several snowfalls and a bit of rain, although not as much as could easily be used for irrigation and gardening; we hope for some late rains to replenish our water supply. As a response to the weather, the majority of the students, as well as members of the staff, were taken ill, most notably current Student Body President Andy Linehan, whose appendix burst over the February break, but who is now substantially recovered.

On the labor program, our main projects have been related to irrigation. Aside from repairing ditches and clearing them of weeds, we have installed several power poles which will be used to carry electricity to the new sprinkler system discussed in our last report. Another recent undertaking has been the making of cheese, including ricotta, cottage, cheddar and munster. We have also been favored in the last couple months with the presence of Herb Reich, an early Deep Springs student and retired professor at Yale, who has worked with the student maintenance man in going over and redoing old and worn out wiring in many of the buildings. Dr. Reich has also taken several students flying in a two-man plane over Deep Springs and the surrounding valleys.

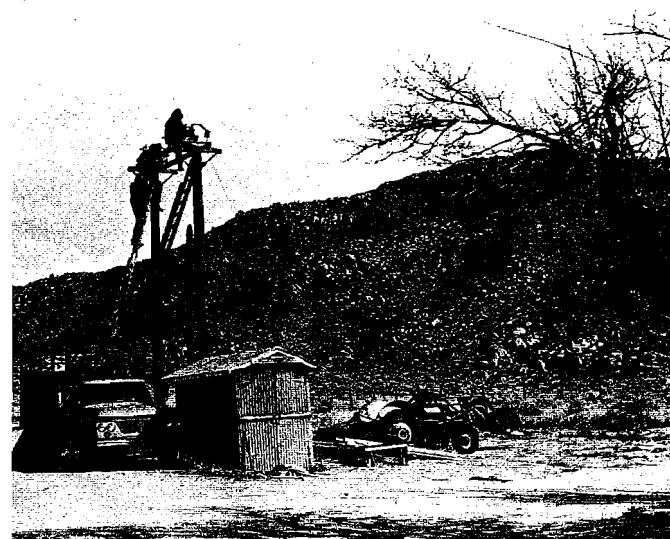
Another arrival since our last article is Jeff Lustig, who has offered courses in American Political Thought, Western Civilization from the Renaissance, and Socialist Political Thought, in which students struggle with the elusive and troublesome concepts of class and capital in an effort to understand the nature of social justice. The American politics class has centered on the structure of power in the United States and on the character of American political and private association. The February break marked the departure of Randall Reid, though he continues to act as Director and Dean of the College. Messrs. Mawby, Lamont and Balachowski continue their courses in Biology, Geology and Paleontology; Calculus and Physics; German and Russian.

The Public Speaking program has rung some interesting changes since January: two groups of students put on productions of Tom Stoppard's, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* and Eugene Ionesco's, *The Bald Soprano*, exploring divergent aspects of modern theatre, and perhaps, by extension, of modern experience. More recently, a Student Body committee in charge of Public Speaking contrived presumed debate-discussions on several moral or philosophical concerns; one of these, on the relation of authority to community, was of real interest to the people in the community here.

Recent weeks brought an influx of guests, alumni and applicants off from their regular schools on Easter breaks; for a time the community was almost unrecognizably buried beneath a field of unknown and unremembered faces. Among these was Mike Murphy, a recent alumnus and actually a remembered face to many, who came up to discuss his plans for making a film on Deep Springs sometime in the next year. Other recent guests have included Glen Kaufman, who lectured on the

problems of food production in Third World countries, and Bob Dawidoff, interviewing for the Telluride Association and proud owner of the singing banjo. A short while before the onslaught, we were paid an extended visit by a dancer from Vermont named Penelope, who had heard of Deep Springs while staying with Evelyn Eaton and Iren Marik in Independence, California. She led a group of students in a series of circle dances and individual dance. When she first came, and after she had been here for awhile as well, she remarked on the peculiar strength and coherence of the community, particularly among the students. A bit prior to this, the student body had begun a reconsideration of the possibility of coeducation at Deep Springs, which also led to an evaluation of the basis of the community here, and the sources of its character. I would like, as a conclusion to this article, to exploit my standing as a third year student soon to leave and be granted the indulgence of some casual meditations on this.

It is clear that from the isolation and smallness of Deep Springs, we can draw some measure of understanding of the particular relation between our own learning and the shape of a community and arrive at some never-entirely-clear notions of individual responsibility toward a larger group. We also hope



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to learn things from each other. We certainly do this; not so much in the form of direct instruction, although that also matters, but on the more troublesome and more important question of how to live well, of how to respond to the demands and necessities that people always bring to each other, which establish the meaning of human experience and interaction. These things cannot, of course, be learned only here. With clear perceptions and good sense, they can be drawn from most any sort of human encounter, but this sort of learning has to begin somewhere, hopefully among people who are willing to commit much of themselves to its pursuit. The value of a small community of individuals, who share certain aspirations, is that relationships and perceptions, which, in a large community necessarily are more fragmented and shifting, can here begin to be understood more wholly. This significance, after a time, can establish itself in our own lives. The bonds between people at Deep Springs I think are more natural than is characteristic in other communities, because they are based on knowledge and the recognition that many things of import-

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'75 TASPLICANTS SPEAK

ON CORNELL I — Ancient Art of Subversive Writing

The very names of those authors distress me.

I feel that knowledge of [subversive writing] would undoubtedly aid me in a political career.

Subversive writing is language at its best — offending no one and offending everyone.

I would like to be able to use subversive writing and talking to make a fool of my opponent in front of everyone if necessary, without him knowing it.

ON CORNELL II — American Democracy and the American Purpose

Studying American Democracy is akin to beating a dead horse.

I can already anticipate your next question: *why* does the democracy program interest you most? If there is a known answer to this question, I am not aware of it. Why does one like apples and not lemons?

I am tired of arguing and discussing difficult problems and having my solutions passed off as the naive ramblings of misinformed youth. . . . but, through the power of a national organization like Telluride, maybe someone would listen.

This program will, I'm sure, help to shape my ideas and concepts of the American Society; the ideas that I value so highly as almost God-spoken truth.

ON LITERATURE AND WRITING

Reading through *The Art of Loving*, one experiences feelings not usually felt when reading. Something sparks the spirit, and an inner flame smoulders as one begins to understand some of the mystery of man.

The Exorcist could scare the peel off a banana.

Toiling as a cabana boy for six hours a day at this upper, middle-class, basically Semitic resort, I met many people who were diversified in both mentality and character. Yet I found that the foundations for Shakespeare's Shylock and Dryfus must have been weak, for in general, they were very generous with gratuities.

I have no patience with the Balzacs of the world who take thirty pages to say what an American author could say in two paragraphs.

My writing has helped me to express my feelings in a manner which is impossible to do with words.

DEEP SPRINGS

tance are shared or held in common among men. So we rely on and profit from each other, although not completely and not without tension, sacrifice or frustration. But at least for a couple of years, all of our intensities are contained within one place, where we can see and deepen them. Time spent at Deep Springs is fundamentally a sojourn, and always will be, even if such a thing as coeducation were to be instituted here. It is also partly a withdrawal from the world, but those worldly

Playboy also heads my reading list, but only for the journalistic content.

Death Be Not Proud is the story of seventeen year old Johnny Gunther's fight with a brain tumor. The conflict is an inner one.

from an essay on *Frankenstein* . . . (1) Mrs. Shelley's vocabulary throughout the book is very good. (2) The monster has had no formal education whatsoever. (3) . . . an enthralling tale with an original plot.

In a book dealing with two ghosts and a man living in a mausoleum, death must be a theme.

He even goes so far as to violate the sanctity of Stalin's boudoir.

This was completely false, and in fact, the opposite was true.

introduction to creative writing . . . These poems and thoughts are as much a part of me as if I were to wrap up some of my hair or a finger or a toe, and send them to you.

I have an ambition to be a writer, primarily because I communicate my thoughts well on paper, and have some talent for an original turn of phrase.

STATEMENTS OF FACT

Altogether, I am happy that, as a young woman, I am alive today.

Like all experiences, this was a good one.

I find mankind simply fascinating.

I thought for awhile that anyone was saved if they were honest to their own religious feeling, but an article in the February 10, 1975 issue of *TIME* magazine denies this.

The Environmental Decision-Making Program doesn't really interest me. My father is an economist who has been working in the field of energy and I have a feeling we have discussed most of the course around the dinner table, and I'm sick of it.

from a female applicant: When I consider what I would most like to be, there is no doubt about it, I would like to be a Renaissance man.

I do not aspire to be world famous, but the idea of mediocrity is not appealing.

This past summer, I was exposed to physiology for the first time. I was intrigued by this field and the possibilities it offers.

I plan to keep up my artwork and may make a career out of it, if I cannot become a professional philosopher.

I hate plastic! When you flick wood, it goes thud. When you flick china, it goes ping. When you flick metal, it goes bong. But when you flick plastic, it just goes thwoek. I have no respect for anything that goes thwoek!

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things, which are most important to our lives, stay with us here and are more clearly set in relief for us to look on and understand. After awhile it is time to leave, to try to use the things one has begun to grasp here in other communities. The faith sustaining us is the knowledge that after we leave, we will be able to bring certain qualities of clarity and attentiveness to bear on a world we have to live in.

So we have spent out time this winter.

1975 TASP Scholarship Winners

Cornell 1: The Ancient Art of Subversive Writing

Louis Crandall, Westfield, New York
Hallie DeChant, Beachwood, Ohio
Joan Feigenbaum, Valley Stream, New York
Martin Finucane, Washington, DC
April Gifford, Hastings, Nebraska
Anne Gurian, Cooperstown, New York
William Haines, Huntington, New York
Rebecca Kolberg, Danforth, Illinois
Joshua Leiderman, Stanford, California
Philip Merrill, New York, New York
Daniel Segal, Tenafly, New Jersey
Gail Soffer, Jackson Heights, New York
Roger Stiltz, Tallula, Illinois
Julia Tipton, Ames, Iowa
Vincent Waldman, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Sarah Whitley, Cohasset, Massachusetts
Alternates: Thomas Bowne, Easton, PA
Judith Harris, Brookline, MA

Cornell 11: American Democracy and the American Purpose

Miriam Bensman, Great Neck, New York
Thomas Blackadar, State College, Pennsylvania
John Cornell, Starkville, Mississippi
Taina Edlund, Brooklyn, New York
Timothy Guinnane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Steven Heyman, Rockville, Maryland
Eric Johnson, Lincoln, Nebraska

Elizabeth Jurek, Lackawanna, New York
Christopher Kelly, Oak Park, Illinois
Nina Martin, Tacoma, Washington
Cynthia Melendez, Bronx, New York
Carol Miller, Columbia, Missouri
Patrick O'Connor, Brooklyn, New York
Kenneth Pomeranz, Flushing, New York
Anne Singletary, Alto, Texas
Lilian Stern, Lexington, Massachusetts
Alternates: Rebecca Rich, Washington, DC
Bruce Davis, New Orleans, LA

Cremona: Environmental Decision Making

Steven Acker, Eugene, Oregon
David Cothran, Concord, Tennessee
David Brody, Brooklyn, New York
Mary Ellsberg, Los Angeles, California
Arianne Heckscher, Wallingford, Pennsylvania
Larry Jensen, Franklin Park, New Jersey
Irene Kacandes, White Plains, New York
Robert Kunzig, USNATO, APO, New York
Margaret Miller, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Kristin Orr, East Alton, Illinois
Michael Palmquist, Chisholm, Minnesota
Marguerite Valerius, Houston, Texas
Victor Venning, Northport, New York
Elizabeth Waring, Shaker Heights, Ohio
Geoffrey Wisner, Lake Placid, New York
Chrystene Wyluda, Warren, New Jersey
Alternates: Gregory Sergienko, Tacoma, WA
Linda Mar, Manhattan, KS

The ADSTA Agenda

The ADSTA Council held its second meeting of the present year Sunday morning, April 20, in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. Present were: ADSTA members, Cole, Cornelison, Ennis, Murray, Netschert, Pell, Szasz, Yarrow; TA Executive Secretary Beatrice MacLeod; TA President Weller, House-member Christina and Alumni Secretary Bolgiano. Highlights of the meeting are hereby noted.

1. Membership: As of this meeting 3 Life, 108 Regular and 4 Students had paid 1974 ADSTA dues. After discussion, it was decided that two more dues solicitation letters would be sent out; one to those who had been members last year, but had not sent in payment to date; another to the balance of the solicitation list.

2. Alumni Weekend: On the question of the cost of Alumni Weekend, concensus indicated that although the cost to ADSTA and TA was quite high, so was the value to alumni and housemembers. It was agreed that the procedure followed this year of requesting CBTA opinion on assorted possible successful format of the 1975 gathering be followed again. It was suggested that next year's invitation carry a request that attendees make a contribution to offset the cost of the weekend. An explanation of how to earmark such a sum would be included.

3. Area reports: See reports of individual areas.

4. Deep Springs Reunion: Pell reported that the DS Reunion, scheduled for May of this year, had to be cancelled. Due to

a tremendous response, the cost would be prohibitive. Upon further discussion, it was decided that \$300.00, allocated for this year and any subsequent years, be placed in a savings account. One thought offered was to hold the reunion every 3 to 5 years.

5. Sweeting manuscript: Pell said Sweeting reports that the Utah Power & Light Co. is interested in publishing the manuscript as part of the bi-centennial celebration and would work through the University of Utah Press.

WASHINGTON

On Thursday evening, February 20th, thirty-five Washington area ADSTA associates and friends accepted the gracious invitation of the William Allens to have dinner at their home in Arlington. An hour of conviviality preceded a superb meal, prepared single-handedly for the group by Mrs. Allen.

After this excellent repast, the associates focused their attention on matters pertinent to Deep Springs and Telluride Association. Area Chairman Allen made several introductory remarks before asking Barry Weller, current TA president, for his evaluation of the Association. Because he had to catch the last train from Washington back to Baltimore, Weller's comments were necessarily brief, but of confident nature.

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Elizabeth Bolgiano, Alumni Secretary, followed with a report on approaching TA/DS events, emphasizing the ADSTA weekend scheduled for April 18-20 in Ithaca and the 1975 TASP programs. Clare Wolfowitz then took the floor to recount her delightful experiences and reactions during her visit to Deep Springs when she attended the 1974 Fall Trustees' meeting at the ranch.

Not to be outdone by Penn Central and Amtrak, the major discussion of the evening centered on the bleak financial positions in which Deep Springs and Telluride Association find themselves. Questions and comments from participants explored possible remedies for this desperate problem. The associates went home knowing that a deeper, working commitment to the Nunnian institutions is a must if Deep Springs and Telluride are to survive the present economic crisis. They also took with them a buoyancy that comes from an evening spent conversing with congenial and stimulating friends.

In addition to the William Allens, those attending were: Albert Arent, Elizabeth Bolgiano, Mr. and Mrs. Cabot Coville, Mr. and Mrs. John deBeers, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Dietz, Norton Dodge, his sister, Alice Wallace and friend, Jessie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Grant, Paul Greenberg, John Kark, Robert King, Mr. and Mrs. Julian MacDonald, Vernon Penner, Mr. and Mrs. George Slavik, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Read, Abram Shulsky, Barry Weller, Paul and Clare Wolfowitz.

BOSTON

On Friday evening, March 21st, approximately sixty people gathered at the Harvard Faculty Club for the Boston area ADSTA event, "ALTERNATIVES TO ACADEME." Ably chaired by David Cole, the organizing committee was comprised of Chuck Christenson, Steve Schuker and Vic Baras.

The theme was chosen after considering several factors: a) most Telluride Associates in the Boston area are students; b) many of them are facing career choices, and following the Telluride trend of recent years, will opt for the academic life; c) the academic job market is currently very unfavorable and is likely to remain that way for many fields over the next decade. Considerable effort was made to reach TASPers of recent years. The large turnout was evidence of the choice of a pertinent topic.

After cocktails the group listened to ten minute talks by each panelist: Charles Christenson, Professor, Harvard Business School; C. Michael Curtis, Associate Editor, *The Atlantic*; J. R. Getsinger, Tax Counsel; Richard Ruopp, Consultant, the ABT Corporation; James Wepsic, Neurosurgeon.

For dinner each panelist was asked to sit at a specific table to enable the guests to have dinner with the individual who closest represented his field of interest. At the conclusion of the meal, there was an ample period for questions and discussion from the floor.

All participants agreed that it was a provocative and productive evening. Not only did it provide an opportunity for ADSTA associates to meet and talk with one another, but also it spoke to a nagging problem facing many of those attending.

SYRACUSE

Alumni of Deep Springs-Telluride Association of the Syracuse, New York area held an evening dinner get together at the Syracuse Hilton Inn on April 10th. Alan Galson, TA52, of Syracuse, organized the affair. Carl Ashley, TA20, Charles E. Ennis, TA40, and ADSTA Erik Pell attended. Also present was Addison C. Scheckler, the father of Cole Scheckler, DS66.

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News from Alumni and Friends of Telluride

■ A press release from station WFSB-TV3 in Hartford, Conn. announces that *Don O. Noel, Jr.*, TA51, former *Hartford Times* Editor, has joined the station's news staff as Senior Correspondent. In his new position, Noel will be covering political stories, doing political analysis and appearing on special programs.

■ In November the appointment of *Christopher Keene*, BB64, as music director for the 1975 season at Artpark, N. Y., the arts center on the banks of the Niagara River at Lewiston, N. Y. was announced by David Midland, Artpark executive director. As an artist and arts administrator, Mr. Keene will be responsible for shaping the artistic programs of Artpark. He will work with Mr. Midland and other members of the Artpark staff primarily as a consultant and resource person in his field of expertise. Mr. Keene has been co-music director and general director for the United States at the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, and a principal conductor of the New York City Opera.

■ The "Los Angeles Times Home Magazine" of February 23, 1975 featured an article on *Gordon Davidson*, TA53, and his wife Judi. The story describes Davidson as an engineer who discarded the blueprints and recast himself as a theatrical director. At present he is the artistic boss of Los Angeles' Mark Taper Forum, the internationally famed experimental theater.

■ In March of this year *Carol D. Locke*, CB61, was named assistant to the president at Hamilton College. The new appointee describes her post as "a jack-of-all-trades" job. She will handle the arranging of trustee meetings and aid both the president and provost in gathering information for special projects.

■ A note from *Linda Cahn*, TASP71, tells us that she will be married on June 8 to Mr. David Lipman, a rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in New York. David and Linda met almost a year ago at Rosh Hashona services at their Temple, where David was conducting services and Linda was reading Torah.

■ It is with regret that we report the death of H. R. Waldo, Jr. on April 1, 1975. Mr. Waldo was the last of three sons of Harold R. Waldo, Sr., who was L. L. Nunn's lawyer, and the brother of John and Charles Waldo, both of whom attended Deep Springs. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Waldo, Sr. at their tragic loss.

CONVENTION REMINDER

Convention will assemble at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 12.

Please return promptly the questionnaires sent out by the Association Secretary, David Marshall, and plan to attend.

Pre-Convention Comments to Telluride

Association from President Barry Weller

One of the more encouraging pieces of news Telluride Association has received in the past few years is the decision of the National Endowment for the Humanities to subsidize the 1975 Ahl-Parker summer program in Ithaca with a substantial grant. This news is all the more welcome because Convention is sure to face tough decisions about where and how to cut our expenditures. There is also a less happy side to this little success story. Through these years of budgetary cuts, Cornell's continued support of our summer programs has been quasi-miraculous and the University has been very helpful to us in our application for NEH money, but it may now feel that its financial obligations to us, for this summer at least, have been assumed by NEH, so that total contributions from outside sources remain the same.

The important thing about the NEH grant, however, is not the modest financial relief it affords us — probably for only one year — but what it signals: the fact that our summer programs (rather routine operations to many of us) still seem innovative and special to outsiders, even those most deeply involved in the field of education. As a TASP interviewer this year, I was impressed by the renewed hunger applicants showed for an experience like that of the summer programs.

Some members of the Board of Custodians have suggested that the Timing Plan once more be subjected to full-scale review and debate. Messrs. Galston and Kennedy will report to Convention on this topic. It is, in any case, clear that the next few years will bring continual scrutiny and reevaluation of our financial policies.

It is also safe to predict renewed speculation about the dynamics of Cornell Branch. The misunderstandings that have sometimes impeded the application of Deep Springs students to Cornell Branch appear to be falling by the way. We can hope that in the future, students from Deep Springs, from the summer programs and from the Cornell campus, will enter the Branch not by fits and starts, but together and at a more regular rate. Each of these three groups has its own contribution to make to our community and it would be good to think that Telluride can supply them all with a common ground.

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Alger Hiss at Telluride

by Bruce Hamilton, CB74

The House was pleased to play host to former diplomat Alger Hiss when he was here in mid-March to speak for Cornell Forum. Hiss was one of the earliest victims of the Cold War atmosphere of the 40's and 50's. His trials ran from late 1948 until early 1950, when he was convicted of perjury, while denying that he had ever passed State Department documents to former Communist Whittaker Chambers. Hiss has steadfastly continued to deny any guilt. For a man who was publicly humiliated and who spent several years in prison, Hiss showed a remarkable objectivity and lack of bitterness. In his Forum speech on McCarthyism, Hiss expressed his view that a revival of McCarthyism is unlikely because we no longer have a "bumpkin electorate" which can be easily bamboozled.

Hiss's Telluride connection stems from a longstanding friendship with Bea MacLeod. Throughout his visit, Hiss displayed a unique combination of erudition and informality which Housemembers took advantage of in numerous dinner and kitchen conversations. The high point of his stay at Telluride was a special seminar for the House on the Yalta Conference, where Hiss was a top advisor to Secretary of State Stettinius. He succeeded in conveying the spirit of Yalta, making it clear just what each of the Big Three expected from the Conference. His anecdotes about Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Anthony Eden and others, made the seminar especially enjoyable.

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Seniors Win

Martin Goldray—Full Fellowship to Illinois University Graduate School, Department of Music

David Marshall—Full Fellowship to the Humanities Center of the Johns Hopkins University for Graduate study in Comparative Literature

Marilyn Migiel—Summer Scholarship to the University of Urbino. Full Fellowship to the Yale Graduate School in Comparative Literature

Rhoda Pinn—Full Fellowship to the Harvard Graduate School in Political Science

Jack Schrager—Winner of the Dean's Essay Contest in the College of Arts & Sciences, Cornell University

Admission to Cornell, NYU and Pennsylvania Law Schools

Joseph Schwartz—Danforth Graduate Fellowship and a Marshall Scholarship to Oxford University

Pepper Trail—Teaching Assistantship, University of California at Davis, Graduate Department of Zoology in Animal Behavior

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Seniors: David Marshall, Marilyn Migiel

Junior: Kathleen Sullivan

Anonymous Donor Encourages Giving to Rinehart-Telluride Professorship

I have followed with great pleasure the efforts of Dr. Aird to establish the Rinehart-Telluride Professorship on a permanent basis and was one of those who initially matched Dr. Aird's contribution with this objective in mind. The recent announcement by Erik Pell and Bob Gatje to match alumni contributions to the extent of \$3,000 per year for five years was most heartening. I had hoped that the Telluride Association, which had initiated this effort in 1973, would continue its \$8,000 contribution per year for at least five more years. Although circumstances have curtailed the support of the Association in some measure, I am hoping that they will still honor this project as a primary obligation and extend to it whatever support they are capable. It should be understood that the Deep Springs situation is very critical and, per the policy established by the Trustees in their October 1974 meeting, the College will be depending in part upon the interest income from all accumulated endowment funds. The completion of endowment projects, therefore, can hardly be accomplished by this means.

Because this worthy project still needs considerable extra support, I intend to match all the contributions of the Telluride Association, which are beyond the limits established in the Convention of 1974, and also all contributions of the alumni and friends of either institution, which are beyond the limits covered by Pell and Gatje. Contributions should be earmarked and sent either to the Telluride Association at 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850, or to Deep Springs College via Dyer, Nevada 89010.

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FACULTY GUEST
SHEFTER



by Rhoda Pinn, TA73

This spring Teluride House has a new faculty guest, Professor Martin Shefter, an associate professor of Government at Cornell.

Professor Shefter spent his undergraduate years at Cornell, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1964. Although not unaware of the organization while at Cornell, Professor Shefter came into considerably more contact with Telluride at Harvard where, having received his PhD in 1970, he stayed to teach through the fall of 1974. As the faculty advisor to several Telluriders there, he learned of the House as a good place for faculty, interested in knowing students better, to stay while at Cornell.

Professor Shefter is currently teaching an honors seminar on political sociology, which one Housemember is taking. He is interested in American politics, has published articles on this subject and is currently writing a book on American political machines.

Professor Shefter likes Telluride and finds it a good way for a newcomer to be integrated into a community at Cornell. This term he is planning to give a house seminar on a chapter from Barrington Moore's, *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. The House has invited him to live at Telluride again next year.

OAC awarded the Perkins Fellowship in Industrial and Labor Relations to James Waddell, a senior at the University of Virginia and granted preferment to Cornell Branch of Telluride for the coming academic year to Brooks Coville, Deep Springs 73.

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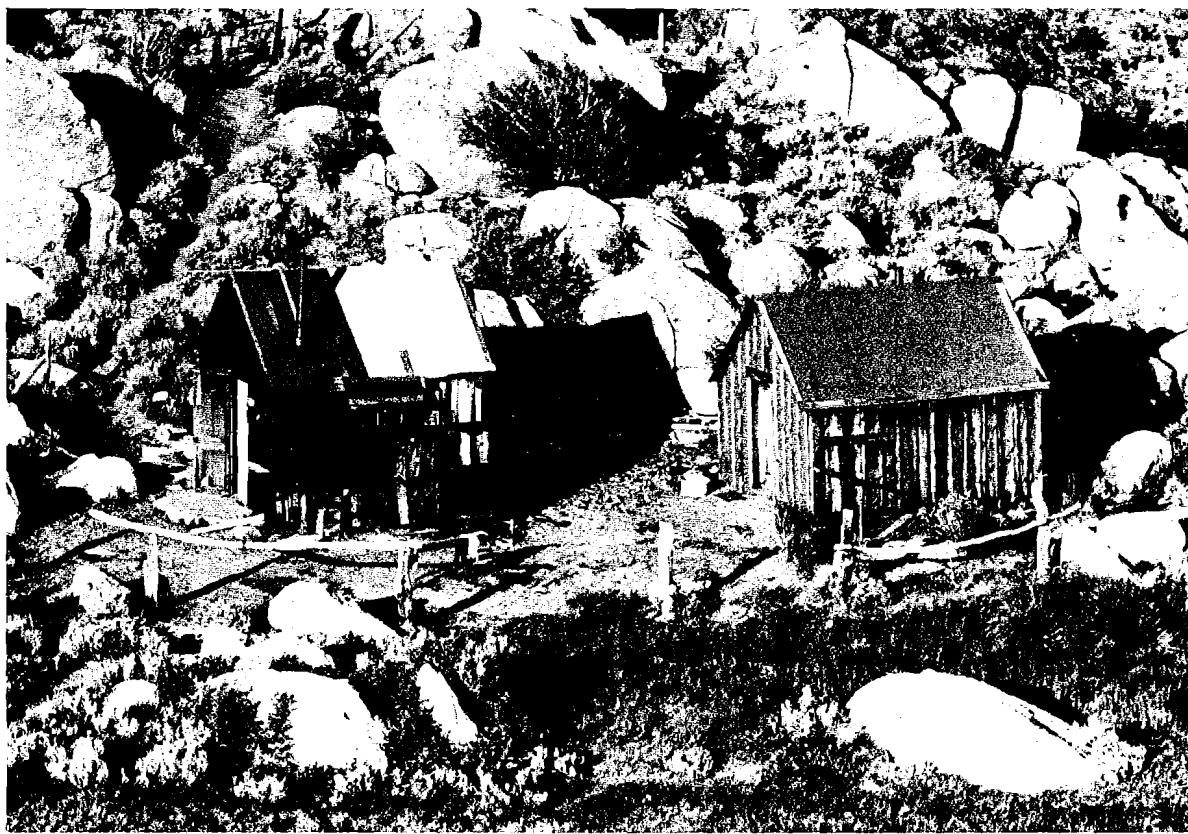
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